

Council on Libraries Meeting of January 9, 2007

Present: John Crane, Barbara DeFelice, Teoby Gomez, Robert Graves, Jeffrey Horrell, Gary Johnson, Elizabeth Kirk, Alisa Koonce, Mary Munter, Barry Scherr, David Seaman, Roxana Verona, Ellen Waite-Franzen, Sara Walker, David Webb, Walter Simons.

The meeting opened at 12:07pm.

1. Introductions of those attending.
2. Minutes of the December 4, 2006 meeting were approved.
3. Announcements (Jeffrey Horrell, Dean of the Libraries and Librarian of the College)

A reminder of the Library's eResources Fair (see minutes of December 4 meeting)

4. Scholarly Communication (Elizabeth Kirk, Associate Librarian for Information Resources)

Elizabeth Kirk, Barbara DeFelice (Director Digital Resources Program) and Bob Graves (Co-Director, M.E.M Program, Thayer School of Engineering) attended the December meeting of the ARL/ACRL Institute on Scholarly Communication in Durham, NC. Eliz commented on this opportunity to evaluate Dartmouth's initiatives within the larger, national context and to think about the next steps to take. The role of the faculty seems to be key, along with governmental institutions and scholarly societies. Various tools and models are available. Action may be driven by decisions of the faculty senate and by institutional support of certain forms of publishing (online journals, open access journals, website publishing of appendices of books and the like). Institutions may decide to support the rights of authors through form amendments to publishing contracts.

see examples at

www.dlib.org/dlib/november06/hirtle/11hirtle.html & www.copyright.iupui.edu/nego_doc.htm

In any case, we need to inform the faculty of the issues, define our position as an institution, and distribute decisions through the various divisions of the College. Members of the Council drew attention to the predicament of smaller publishers and scholarly societies, whose financial security is tied to a limited number of publications, and to the need to inform graduate students of the issues as well.

There was consensus that the Library (Eliz Kirk, Barbara DeFelice) should draft an author's rights addendum for use by Dartmouth faculty and others as an option instead of giving exclusive rights to their publishers. Dartmouth's General Counsel should be consulted as part of its development. The draft should then be reviewed by the Council on the Libraries. Subsequently, it should be presented to Provost Barry Scherr for appropriate vetting with campus academic councils and ultimately for wide distribution by the Provost. The Council was pleased with this forward direction and action on this issue.

The meeting adjourned at 1:08pm.

Future Meeting Dates
Thursday, February 01, 2007
Tuesday, March 06, 2007
Thursday, April 05, 2007
Thursday, May 03, 2007
Thursday, June 07, 2007

Noon - 1:30 p.m., Treasure Room, Baker Library (lunch will be served at each meeting)